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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on April 22, 2008 ("the Interview"). Applicant confirms that the substance of the Interview is as stated on the Interview Summary mailed April 30, 2008.

As stated in the Interview Summary, Applicant suggested amending claim 33 to recite that the exposed portion of the arbitrary electrode is "completely surrounded" by overmold material. Applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 accompanied by such an amendment on May 1, 2008. Accordingly, as discussed during the Interview and as stated in the Interview Summary, United States patent no. 6,216,045 to Black et al. ("Black") has been overcome as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

In view of the foregoing and the Amendment and Response filed on May 1, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and

requests that all rejections be withdrawn, that all pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue. If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application to be in other than condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action.

Authorization is hereby granted to charge any fees due with the filing of this document, including any fees for any extensions of time deemed necessary, to Deposit Account No. 50-1129 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 0B-045000US/82410-0067.

Respectfully submitted,

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